

IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF IOWA

**IN RE: ASSIGNMENT AND COURT
SERVICE SCHEDULE IN JUDICIAL
ELECTION DISTRICTS 5A AND 5B
FOR 2016**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2015-55

The Iowa Supreme Court has authorized a reasonable travel budget for F.Y. 2016. However, travel expenses will be closely monitored by Court Administration. The assignment set forth herein is subject to modification as budget constraints require.


NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Rotations. Beginning Monday, January 4, 2016, trial sessions and rotations in Election Districts 5A and 5B shall be held in accordance with the schedule marked Exhibit "A" attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein.
2. Trial Dates. Civil and criminal jury trials in Election Districts 5A and 5B shall be scheduled to commence on the days set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto and incorporated herein. Jury and non-jury trials shall also be assigned at other times to fully utilize available judges and facilities. Trials in Election Districts 5A and 5B shall be scheduled up to 6 cases deep depending on the availability of cases. All trial dates shall be considered firm. There shall be no leadoff or standby cases. Court Administration shall not bump a case for lack of an available judge, court reporter or courtroom. In such situations, only the Chief Judge or the Assistant Chief Judge shall decide whether to bump a case for lack of available resources.
3. Court Service Schedule. Court Service Day shall be held in every county of the Fifth District as set out in Exhibit "C" attached hereto and incorporated herein. If the Court Service Days ordered herein are inadequate to handle the business of any county, court administration may schedule additional Court Service Days on an as needed basis. Conversely, if weekly court service is unnecessary in any county, court administration may schedule short non-jury trials on Court Service Days. Court Service Days may be cancelled by the Chief Judge upon the request of the local judge or the clerk of court.

4. Utilization of Judges. Court Administration shall at all times fully utilize all of the Judges of the Fifth Judicial District without regard to judicial election district boundaries. Court Administration shall assign judges efficiently and monitor travel expenses on a monthly basis.

Effective Date. This Order shall be effective January 4, 2016.

So **Ordered** this 13th day of October, 2015.



ARTHUR E. GAMBLE, CHIEF JUDGE
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF IOWA

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EXHIBIT "A" TO ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2015-55
2016 ELECTION DISTRICTS 5A AND 5B COURT SERVICE DAY SCHEDULE AND ASSIGNMENT

County/Court Service Date	January – March	April – June	July – September	October – December
Dallas Civil/Tuesday Criminal/Friday	Hulse	Rickers	McCall	Hefner
Madison/Monday	McCall	Hulse	Mertz	Kimes
Jasper Criminal/Monday Civil/Tuesday	Huscher	McCall	Hulse	Mertz
Guthrie/Monday	Rickers	Huscher	Hefner	Hulse
Warren Criminal/Monday Civil/Tuesday	Clogg	Hefner	Huscher	McCall
*Dallas Trials	Hefner	Clogg	Rickers	Huscher
Marion/Friday	Mertz	Relph	Clogg	Rickers
Clarke/Thursday Decatur/Friday	Kimes	Mertz	Relph	Lloyd
Lucas/Monday Taylor/Tuesday Union/Friday	Lloyd	Kimes	***Scott July 5 to Aug 12 ***Porter Aug 15 to Sep 30	Relph
Adair/Every Other Monday Ringgold/Every Other Monday opposite Adair Adams/Every Other Tuesday Wayne/Every Other Tuesday opposite Adams	Relph	Lloyd	Kimes	Clogg

* 5A Judge assigned to Dallas County trials and also be available to cover any assignment as needed in 5A and 5B
** 5A, 5B, and 5C judges will cross sub-district lines as assigned by Chief Judge Gamble. This may include one-month assignments on an ad hoc basis.
*** July-September Judge Lloyd will be assigned to Polk County to cover felony criminal trials and general trial dockets.

**EXHIBIT "B" TO ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2015-55
CRIMINAL AND CIVIL JURY TRIAL STARTING DAYS IN
ELECTION DISTRICTS 5A AND 5B FOR 2016**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Adair		Crim/civil jtr	Crim jtr		
Adams			Civil/erim jtr	Crim jtr	
Clarke	Crim/civil jtr	Crim jtr			
Dallas	Crim/civil jtr		Crim/civil jtr		
Decatur			Crim/civil jtr		
Guthrie		Civil/erim jtr	Crim jtr		
Jasper		Civil jtr	Crim/civil jtr		
Lucas		Crim/civil jtr	Crim jtr		
Madison		Civil/erim jtr	Crim jtr		
Marion	Civil jtr	Crim jtr			
Ringgold		Civil jtr	Crim jtr		
Taylor			Civil/erim jtr	Crim jtr	
Union	Crim/civil jtr	Crim jtr			
Warren		Civil jtr	Crim/civil jtr		
Wayne			Crim/civil jtr		

**EXHIBIT "C" ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2015-55
2016 COURT SERVICE & JURY TRIAL DAYS**

Adair:

- Court Service every other Monday
- Juvenile Court Service on 4th Tuesday of the month

Adams:

- Court Service every other Tuesday
- Juvenile Court Service on 2nd Wednesday of the month

Clarke:

- Court Service on Thursday
- Juvenile Court Service on the 4th Wednesday of the month

Dallas:

- Court Service – Civil on Tuesday, Criminal on Friday (2 judges both days)
- Juvenile Court Service on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday, Contested on the 2nd & 5th Wednesday

Decatur:

- Court Service every Friday
- Juvenile Court Service on the 4th Monday of the month

Guthrie:

- Court Service on Monday (a.m. Criminal/p.m. Civil)
- Juvenile Court Service on the 4th Wednesday of the month

Jasper:

- Court Service on Monday (a.m. Criminal/p.m. Criminal motions and CSRU); Civil on Tuesday (a.m. Family Law, Civil & DA's/p.m. scheduled hearings & temporary matters as scheduled by Rural Case Coordinator)
- Juvenile Court Service on Friday

Lucas:

- Court Service on Monday
- Juvenile Court Service on the 4th Friday of the month

Madison:

- Court Service on Monday (a.m. Criminal/p.m. Civil)
- Juvenile Court Service on Thursdays as scheduled by the judge

Marion:

- Court Service Thursday (Family Law, Civil & DA's); Friday (a.m. Criminal and CSRU/ p.m. Criminal motions and CSRU hearings scheduled by the judge)
- Juvenile Court Service on Wednesday

Ringgold:

- Court Service every other Monday
- Juvenile Court Service on the 2nd Friday of the month

Taylor:

- Court Service on Tuesday except Juvenile day
- Juvenile Court Service on the 2nd Tuesday of the month

Union:

- Court Service on Friday
- Juvenile Court Service on the 2nd Thursday of the month

Warren:

- Court Service – Monday (a.m. Criminal/p.m. Criminal motions & CSRU); Tuesday (a.m. Family Law, Civil & DA's/p.m. scheduled hearings & temporary matters as scheduled by Rural Case Coordinator)
- Juvenile Court Service: Wednesdays – Delinquencies & CINA, Thursdays – Delinquencies & CINA

Wayne:

- Court Service every other Tuesday
- Juvenile Court Service on the 2nd Monday of the month